Law Ministers at their plenary meeting held in Calcutta in November, 1994. A copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting is annexed. [*See* Appendix 172 (Annexure 32)]

The Administration of Justice has been made a Plan item with a view to remove infrastructural bottlenecks coming in the way of expeditious disposal of cases.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Elevation of powers of MRTPC

1446. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how for the powers of Malpractices and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission have been elevated regarding pre-entry scrutiny of mergers and amalgamations of corporate equities;

(b) whether Government have considered mandatory clearance; and

(c) whether Government intends to accept the recommendations of MRTPC, particularly in regard to Multinational Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) There have been no changes in the powers of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission after 1991 when the MRTP Act, 1969 was last amended. However, the Commission has recently made some suggestions for further nationalisation of the MRTP Act, 1969 and the Rules/Regulations made thereunder. These would be considered in consultation with concerned authorities.

Electricity from non-conventional energy sources in Rajasthan

1447. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken to generate electricity from non-conventional energy sources| bio-gas etc. in Rajasthan;

(b) what amount was given by the Centre as well as from other foreign agencies for this purpose during the current financial year upto 31st October, 1994 as compared to the last two years, the details of the achievements in this regard, and

(c) what are the new targets/projects likely to be set up in Rajasthan during the Eighth Five Year Plan period to cope with increasing demand of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In the State of Rajasthan, electricity from non-conventional energy sources is mainly generated from solar energy using solar photovoltaic systems. 5440 SPV street lighting systems, 222 solar lanterns, 107 community TVs, 33 SPV water pumping systems and 10 small village SPV power plants of 80 KWP have so far been installed.

Detailed project report for a proposed 30 MW solar thermal power plant has been prepared. Sites for utilising wind energy for power generation are being identified.

(b) During the current financial year, upto 31.10.1994, a sum of Rs. 4.50 lakhs have been released to the State of Rajasthan under the SPV programme. The amount released during 1992-93 and 1993-94 was Rs. 57.93 and Rs. 91.80 lakhs respectively.

(c) Apart from solar photovoltaic systems, solar thermal power generation project, wind power generating systems are likely to come up in the State of Rajasthan.

Energy from Tidal wayes in Gujarat and Maharashtra

1448. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals for the generation of energy from tidal sea waves in the country, particularly in Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the expenditure likely to be involved therein;

(c) whether any other agencies have also offered to finance the projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) A proposal was received from a Swedish firm in August 1992 for a 1 MW capacity Power Plant based on Wave Energy to be set up and commissioned on build-own operate basis off the Coast of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The cost estimated by the party in 1993 was US $ 3 million. The Detailed Project Report is awaited from the company. Technology offers for the proposed 900 MW Tidal Power Plant in the Gulf of Kachchh, Gujarat, have been invited from interested parties in India and abroad. The roughs estimated costs of the proposed project at May, 1993 prices level is Rs. 6300. crores. It is too early to indicate likely sources of funding.

Solar energy plant in Maharshtra

1449. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for setting up of any solar energy plant in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; location-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated to the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (b) 3 solar photovoltaic power plants have been installed so far in Maharashtra. The details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below) There are no further proposals under consideration for setting up solar power plants in the State.

(c) State-wise allocations are not made for installation of solar power plants in the States. Projects are taken up upon meirt on the basis of specific proposals received from time to time from the States.

Statement

List of Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants installed in Maharashtra

S. No.	Locations	Capacity (KWp)
1	Morabunder, Elephanta Island	3·36
2	Horawadi, Raigarh	1·54
3	Keraswadi, Raigarh	1·54